

## Directed Energy lab gets new top reservist

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KIRTLAND AFB, N.M. — Colonel Susan Wilkerson recently took over on as the senior Individual Mobilization Augmentee (IMA) for Dr. R. Earl Good, who heads the Directed Energy Directorate of the Air Force Research Laboratory.

Wilkerson replaced Colonel Jerry Bolme, who has served as the senior IMA in the directorate since November 1998. Bolme retired in late April.

As the directorate's top reservist, Wilkerson — during war or a national emergency — could be called upon to manage the directorate in place of Good, who would be free to handle other priority issues.

Wilkerson has been in the Air Force, on both active duty and in a Reserve capacity, for twenty years. She began her career as a senior staff scientist at the Air Force Geophysics Laboratory in Sunspot, N.M. Most recently, she had been creating self-paced training programs for the directorate's Optical Surveillance Division.

Throughout her Air Force career she has worked in a variety of scientific and technological areas. In her civilian career, Wilkerson has worked for several companies in various technical capacities, which include optical systems analyst, integrated product team lead, and training developer and programmer.

Currently, she is a principal engineer at Raytheon Systems Company in El Segundo, Calif. @